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Application No.

10/635,174

Examiner

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1. ☒ The Notice of Appeal filed on 9/7/05 is not acceptable because: NON-Compliance w/ 37 CFR 41.37(c)

(a) ☐ it was not timely filed.

(b) ☐ the statutory fee for filing the appeal was not submitted. See 37 CFR 41.20(b)(1).

(c) ☐ the appeal fee received on _____ was not timely filed.

(d) ☐ the submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. The appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(1) is \$_____.

(e) ☐ the appeal is not in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31(a)(1) in that no claim has been twice rejected.

(f) ☐ a Notice of Allowability, PTO-37, was mailed by the Office on _____.

2. ☐ The appeal brief filed on _____ is NOT acceptable for the reason(s) indicated below:

(a) ☐ the brief and/or brief fee is untimely. See 37 CFR 41.37(a).

(b) ☐ the statutory fee for filing the brief has not been submitted. See 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2).

(c) ☐ the submitted brief fee of \$_____ is insufficient. The brief fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2) is \$_____.

The appeal in this application will be dismissed unless corrective action is taken to timely submit the brief and requisite fee. See 37 CFR 41.37(a)(1). Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). See 37 CFR 41.37(e).

3. ☐ The appeal in this application is DISMISSED because:

(a) ☐ the statutory fee for filing the brief as required under 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2) was not timely submitted and the period for obtaining an extension of time to file the brief under 37 CFR 1.136(a) has expired.

(b) ☐ the brief was not timely filed and the period for obtaining an extension of time to file the brief under 37 CFR 1.136(a) has expired.

(c) ☐ a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 was filed on _____.

(d) ☐ other: _____.

4. ☐ Because of the dismissal of the appeal, this application:

(a) ☐ is abandoned because there are no allowed claims.

(b) ☐ is before the examiner for final disposition because it contains allowed claims. Prosecution on the merits remains CLOSED.

(c) ☐ is before the examiner for consideration.

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**NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 37 CFR
41.37(c)**

The brief does not contain the items of the brief required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1) under the appropriate headings and/or in the order indicated.

Upon an in-depth review, the following sections are missing from the Appeal Brief of September 7, 2005 :

“Claims Appendix”, as set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1);

“Evidence Appendix”, as set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(ix); and

“Related Proceedings Appendix”, as set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(x).

A substitute brief that is in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 is required.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brigitte R. Hammond whose telephone number is 571-272-2006. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula A Bradley can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext. 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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